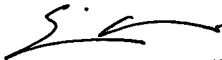


REMARKS

Claims 4, 8 and 12 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. Claim 25 has been amended to include the features which were added to claims 1, 4, 8, 12, 15, 19, 23 and 24 in the *Amendment* filed December 1, 2003. For the reasons presented in the *Amendment* filed December 1, 2003, all the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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